

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**Submission for OMB Review:
Comment Request; Title of Proposed
Collection: Request for Proposals**

In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the National Science Foundation (NSF) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. Such a notice was published at 62 FR 12251, dated March 14, 1997. No comments were received. This material is being submitted for OMB review with no changes. Send any written comments to Desk Officer, OMB 3145-0080, OIRA, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. Written comments should be received by June 28, 1997.

Comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Proposed Project: The Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) Subpart 15.4-“Solicitation and Receipt of Proposals” prescribes policies and procedures for preparing and issuing Requests for Proposals. The FAR System has been developed in accordance with the requirement of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act of 1974, as amended. The NSF Act of 1950, as amended, 42 USC 1870, Sec. 11, states that NSF has the authority to:

(c) enter into contracts or other arrangements, or modifications thereof, for the carrying on, by organizations or individuals in the United States and foreign countries, including other government agencies of the United States and of foreign countries, of such scientific or engineering activities as the Foundation deems necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act, and, at the request of the Secretary of Defense, specific scientific or engineering activities in connection with matters relating to international cooperation or national security, and, when deemed appropriate by the Foundation, such contracts or other arrangements or modifications thereof, may be entered into without legal consideration, without performance or other bonds and without regard to section 5 of title 41, U.S.C.

Use of the Information: Request for Proposals (RFP) are used to competitively solicit proposals in

response to NSF need for services. Impact will be on those individuals or organizations who elect to submit proposals in response to the RFP. Information gathered will be evaluated in light of NSF procurement requirements to determine who will be awarded a contract.

Burden on the Public: The Foundation estimates that approximately 120 hours may be required in the process for submitting a proposal.

Dated: May 22, 1997.

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Reports Clearance Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**Notice of Permit Applications Received
Under the Antarctic Conservation Act
of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541)**

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, Pub. L. 95-541.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permit applications received to conduct activities regulated under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. NSF has published regulations under the Antarctic Conservation Act at title 45 part 670 of the Code of Federal Regulations. This is the required notice of permit applications received.

DATES: Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or views with respect to these permit applications by June 30, 1997. Permit applications may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Permit Office, Room 755, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ndene G. Kennedy at the above address or (703) 306-1033.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541), has developed regulations that implement the “Agreed Measures for the Conservation of Antarctic Fauna and Flora” for all United States citizens. The Agreed Measures, developed by the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Parties, recommended establishment of a permit system for various activities in

Antarctica and designation of certain animals and certain geographic areas as requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Specially Protected Areas and Sites of Special Scientific Interest.

The application received is follows:

1. Applicant

W. Scott Drieschman, Wildlife Concepts International, Inc., P.O. Box 65, Palomar Mountain, California 92060
Permit Application: 98-001

Activity for Which Permit is Requested

Taking; Import to the U.S. (transship). The applicant proposes to collect no more than 60 Emperor chicks (less than .03% of the total estimated population and less than 0.6% of the Dawson-Lambton colony) for scientific purposes, zoological display, and education. Due to late hatching there are chicks that will not survive. The intent of the project is to collect the chicks with no chance of survival. The impact to the overall breeding success of the colony will not be affected in this case. Weights of the chicks will be taken to determine if the individuals fit the collection criteria for body mass (3-5 kg).

The chicks will be transported in individual “blue ice” containers (same methodology has been successfully used by other penguin biologists) that provide easy access to the birds for monitoring and feeding purposes. Two penguin biologists will accompany the Emperor chicks as they are transported from Antarctica to the Nagoya Aquarium in Japan. This facility opened in October 1992 and has one of the most advanced Antarctic exhibit complexes in the world. The penguin exhibit contains four species: Adelie, chinstrap, gentoo and king penguins. The aquarium has bred all four penguin species since the facility opened and at the present time has a self sufficient population of birds. Mortality is very low at less than one percent per year; much lower than any wild populations. There have been no chronic health problems, nor has there been any outbreak of contagious disease.

Currently there are only two breeding colonies of Emperors outside of the Antarctic, at Sea World of San Diego and Sea World of Ohio. The addition of Emperor penguins to the Nagoya Aquarium will make it the third.

Location: Areas adjacent to the Dawson-Lambton Glacier, Filchner Ice Shelf, Weddell Sea.

Dates: October 1, 1997–February 28, 1998.

2. Applicant